Saskatchewan
Science Council

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Annual Report, 1982-83

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Science Council

For the period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983.

To the Honourable C. Irwin McIntosh
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

Sir:
I have the honour to transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Science Council for the year ending March 31, 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Currie

The Honourable Gordon Currie
Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower

Regina
July 1, 1983

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Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

Regina
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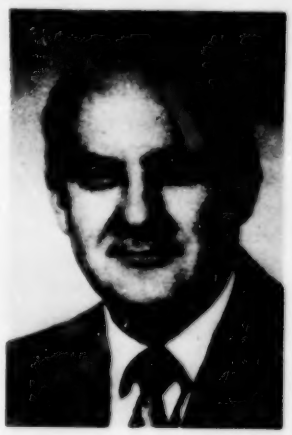

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Science Council Members, 1982-83

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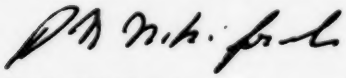
Chairman's Message

The past year has been somewhat disappointing in that inadequate resources prevented the Saskatchewan Science Council from pursuing in any meaningful way the plans that it had set out so clearly in the previous year. This is also unfortunate in that the Council sincerely believes that the task that it set out for itself in early 1981 would be rewarded by assuring results which would benefit the people and the Government of Saskatchewan. It is the Council's sincere hope that the resources which it needs to fulfill its mandate will be forthcoming in the coming years.

The Council extends its appreciation to Dr. A. J. Y. Guy and Mr. Dale Butler of the provincial Office of Science and Technology Policy for their assistance during the year.

On a more personal note, having resigned as chairman and member of the Council, I thank you and the previous Ministers for the opportunity to serve the Council and extend my very best wishes for the future.



P. N. Nikiforuk

Purpose and Duties

The Saskatchewan Science Council was established by *The Science Council Act*, proclaimed on April 11, 1975, for the purpose of acquiring, developing and disseminating scientific and technological knowledge in order to promote the industrial, economic, and social development of the province. The duties of the Saskatchewan Science Council are:

(1) to consider all matters brought to its attention by the Minister and where required by the Minister to report its findings to him;

(2) to formulate, for the guidance of the public and the government, science policy for the development and application of scientific and technological information and processes;

(3) to communicate science policy to the government and any other interested persons;

(4) to advise the government on implementaton of science policy;

(5) to gather and organize information on the scientific research needed and advise the government and other interested persons on matters related to scientific research;

(6) to facilitate discussions related to science policy with the government of Canada, the government of any province, and any interested person; and

(7) to take whatever action is necessary to carry out the purpose of this *Act*.

Operating Guidelines

The Saskatchewan Science Council believes that it is a mechanism by means of which the people of Saskatchewan can explore options for the future industrial, economic, and social development of the province. In this regard, the primary contributions of the Council are in the identification of opportunities, options, and problems in the intermediate to long-term future. To achieve these goals, an appropriate series of background studies is required. These studies are now being developed by the Council.

Summary of Activities, 1982-83

The year 1982-83 has been troublesome for the Saskatchewan Science Council. The Council is able to report progress in only one area of its previously adopted Workplan.

The Council held a general meeting early in the fiscal year and received reports from the science education, transportation, agriculture, and uranium committees. At this meeting the Council accepted the revised Brown and Strayer Report entitled: "Purchasing Farm Machinery: A summary of Responses from Farmers, Agricultural Representatives and Farm Machinery Dealers".

In late April of 1982 the Council held a special meeting with Dr. Graham Orpwood, Isme Alan, and Dr. B. Robertson of the Science Council of Canada. Dr. Orpwood is undertaking for the Science Council of Canada a study of the current state of science teaching and an historical analysis of science teaching in Canada. The Saskatchewan Science Council expressed support of Dr. Orpwood's research and indicated its interest in obtaining more information on science education in this province. The Saskatchewan Science Council requested its committee on science education to report on the various alternatives available for investigation.

The Council subsequently asked Dr. Paul Hart, of the faculty of Education, University of Regina to serve on the science education committee.

The science education committee met and agreed to prepare a detailed plan for a Saskatchewan-wide science survey of elementary and secondary schools.

After April, the Council did not hold a general or committee meeting for the remainder of the reporting year.

Statement of Expenditure

Science Council	1981-82	1982-83
Printing and Special Services	—	157.76
Honoraria	1,725.00	625.00
Travel and Sustenance	1,085.69	521.56
Education and Health Tax	—	—
Telephones and Messenger Service	—	12.00
Total	**$2,810.69**	**$1,316.32**

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